

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**IN RE:** ) **Chapter 11**  
 )  
 ) **Case No. 23-02422**  
**Divine Cement, Inc.,** )  
 ) **Honorable A. Benjamin Goldgar**  
**Debtor.** )

**DEBTOR'S STATUS REPORT PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 1188(c)**

NOW COMES Debtor, Divine Cement, Inc. (“Debtor”), by its attorneys, Ariel Weissberg and the law firm of Weissberg and Associates, Ltd., and as *Debtor's Status Report Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1188(c)*, states as follows:

1. On February 23, 2023, Debtor filed a voluntary petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division seeking to reorganize under Chapter 11 Sub-Chapter V of the Bankruptcy Code. Since then, the Debtor has been managing its assets as a debtor-in-possession.
2. Divine Cement, Inc. (“Divine”) is an Illinois company incorporated on February 29, 2008. The two shareholders of Divine are Lawrence Green and Patrice Green. Divine is a construction company concentrating in providing concrete-related services and projects. The majority of the contracts in which Divine is retained as a sub-contractor arise from minority “set aside” contracts, with major general contractors, such as Walsh Construction Company.
3. Prior to the filing of the Petition, Divine was retained as a sub-contractor to provide concrete materials and services by Judlau Contracting, Inc. (“Judlau”). Unfortunately, Judlau defaulted in paying Divine for the services and goods that Divine provided on various

construction projects creating a claim in excess of \$2,000,000 in favor of Divine and against Judlau. The failure of Judlau to pay Divine the sums that Divine was owed precipitated the need for Divine initiating its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case. Specifically, Divine has valuable business opportunities through general contractors that want to retain Divine to provide concrete services and materials but Divine lacks the funds to monetize those opportunities, unless Divine enters into a strategic alliance with a qualified contracting company. Those potential strategic allies are through Daniel Greenman, who has a long standing business relationship with construction companies able, and apparently willing, to enter into a strategic alliance with Divine to monetize these construction opportunities.

4. This Status Report is filed pursuant to the Order entered on February 27, 2023 (Dkt. No. 8), which requires that the Debtor file a report required by 11 U.S.C. Section 1188(c) in anticipation of the status conference to be held on April 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

5. On March 14, 2023, the Debtor attended the Initial Debtor Interview and responded to questions posed by Andrew Hunt, on behalf of the Office of United States Trustee.

6. On March 17, 2023, the Debtor filed its Statement of Financial Affairs (Dkt. No. 19) and Schedules A/B, G and H (Dkt. No. 20).

7. On March 17, 2023, the Debtor filed the following Motions: (a) *Debtor's Application to Employ Attorneys* (Dkt. No. 17); and (b) *Debtor's Application to Employ Accountants* (Dkt. No. 18).

8. On March 29, 2023, the Debtor attended the First Meeting of Creditors and responded to questions posed by Gretchen Silver on behalf of the Office of United States

Trustee, Matthew Brash, the SubV Trustee, and creditors.

9. The Debtor is working cooperatively with Matthew Brash and the Office of the United States Trustee to advance reorganization of the Debtor. The Debtor has engaged in constructive discussions with Matthew Brash, the Sub-Chapter V Trustee, to discuss the financial and legal affairs of the Debtor and the prospect for reorganization. These discussions are ongoing.

10. The key to reorganization is procuring a viable strategic alliance with a construction company to “partner up” with the Debtor to complete construction contracts for which Divine is a “set aside” sub-contractor. The Debtor has contracts for construction services and materials, as disclosed in its Schedule A/B, p. 5, and is presently seeking to procure additional construction contracts. In addition, the Debtor is planning on procuring offers for the sale of non-essential equipment, including a 2020 94(i) Wirtgen Paver, a 2020 80(i) Texture Paver and a 2008 Rexcon Concrete Placer. In addition, the Debtor will procure buyer(s) for certain spare parts that are no longer needed. The Debtor believes that the purchase prices for these assets will exceed the amount of the liens owed to Komatsu Financial Limited Partnership and Commercial Creditors Group secured by these assets.

13. Also, in furtherance of filing a confirmable Plan of Reorganization, the Debtor is working with its management team to formulate a viable liquidation analysis to justify the proposals for treatment of creditors in the prospective Plan of Reorganization.

14. The Debtor anticipates that it will file a Plan of Reorganization prior to May 24, 2023, which is the deadline set by this Court for the filing of a Plan of Reorganization.

**DIVINE CEMENT, INC., Debtor**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Ariel Weissberg, certify that on April 3, 2023, I caused to be filed ***Debtor's Status Report Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1188(c)***. Notice of this filing was sent to all parties registered to receive notice in this case by electronic transmission through the court's CM/ECF system, including the following parties:

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